UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Ex parte K. JON KERN ET AL.)	ORDER VACATING
Serial No. 09/677,401)	HOLDING OF
Filed: September 29, 2000)	ABANDONMENT
For: LOYALTY REWARD PROGRAM FOR)	
REDUCING THE BALANCE OF A LOAN)	
OBLIGATION	_)	

In view of the timely filed Notice of Appeal filed in the United States Federal Circuit, the Notice of Abandonment is **VACATED**, and the application is restored to pending status.

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